

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A multilayer structure ~~with improved permeation~~ for atmospheric diffusion of aromatic products wherein the structure comprises:

(a) a permeable membrane wherein said permeable membrane comprises at least two polymeric layers wherein the polymer of each layer is independently selected from the group consisting of polyethylene, very low density polyethylene, low density polyethylene, ethylene methylacrylate copolymer, ultra low density polyethylene and plastomer;

(b) a release layer wherein said release layer comprises ~~a nylon polymer or a~~ an ethylene vinyl alcohol copolymer wherein the release layer is adhered to most inner polymeric layer of the permeable member which comprises the permeable membrane and wherein the adhesion between release layer and the adjacent layer of the polymeric permeable membrane is a relatively weak bond compared to the bond between the layers of the polymeric permeable membrane; and

(c) an impermeable membrane wherein said impermeable membrane comprises one or more layers wherein the materials which comprise the individual layers of the impermeable membrane are independently selected from metal, foil and poly (ethylene terephthalate) and wherein said impermeable portion is laminated to said release layer.

Claims 2 to 23 (Cancelled)

24. (Currently Amended) A multilayer structure ~~with improved permeation~~ for atmospheric diffusion of aromatic products wherein the structure comprises:

(a) a permeable membrane wherein said permeable membrane comprises two or more polymeric layers wherein the polymer of each layer is independently selected

from the group consisting of polyethylene, very low density polyethylene, low density polyethylene, ethylene methylacrylate copolymer; and

(b) a release layer wherein said release layer comprises an ethyl vinyl alcohol copolymer wherein said release layer is adhered to the innermost polymeric layer of the permeable membrane.

25. (Original) A multilayer structure according to Claim 24 with improved permeation for atmospheric diffusion of aromatic products, the structure comprising:

- (a) a first permeable layer comprising a blend of very low density polyethylene and low density polyethylene;
- (b) a second permeable layer comprising low density polyethylene;
- (c) a third permeable layer comprising a blend of very low density polyethylene and low density polyethylene;
- (d) a fourth permeable layer comprising a material selected from the group consisting of a blend of low density polyethylene and a modified polyolefin; and
- (e) a release layer comprising ethylene vinyl alcohol copolymer wherein said second layer is adhered to said first layer, said third layer is adhered to said second layer, said fourth layer is adhered to said third layer and said release layer is adhered to said fourth layer, wherein the bond strength between said release layer and said fourth layer is less than the bond strength between said first and second layers, the bond strength between said second and third layers, and the bond strength between said third and fourth layers; whereby said release layer is peeled apart from said fourth permeable layer when a force is applied.

26. (Original) A package with improved permeation for atmospheric diffusion of aromatic products the package, comprising a first heat sealable panel and a second heat sealable panel, said second panel having at least one impermeable layer;

wherein said first heat sealable panel further comprises:

- (a) a permeable membrane having:
 - (i) a first permeable layer comprising low density polyethylene,
 - (ii) a second permeable layer comprising an semi crystalline polymer, wherein said second layer is adhered to said first layer,
 - (iii) a third permeable layer comprising a material selected from the group consisting of: and a blend of low density polyethylene and modified polyolefin, wherein said third layer is adhered to said second layer;
- (b) a release layer comprising ethylene vinyl alcohol copolymer, wherein said release layer is adhered to said third layer; and
- (c) an impermeable portion having at least one impermeable layer, wherein said impermeable portion is adhered to said release layer;

wherein the bond strength between said release layer and said third layer is less than the bond strength between said first and second layers, said second and third layers and said release layer and impermeable portion, such that said release layer delaminates from said third permeable layer when a force is applied, and wherein said first permeable layer of said first panel is heat sealed to said second panel; whereby an aromatic product may be disposed between said first and second panel.

27. (Original) A package as in Claim 26, wherein said impermeable portion of said first panel comprises the following structure in order,

- (a) a laminating adhesive,
- (b) a foil layer,
- (c) a polyethylene laminating resin, and
- (d) a polyester resin;

wherein said laminating adhesive layer adheres to said release layer.

28. (Original) A package as in Claim 26, wherein said second heat sealable panel comprises the following structure, in order:

- (a) a nylon coextruded film;
- (b) an adhesive; and
- (c) a polyester film

wherein said nylon coextruded film is heat sealed to said first permeable layer.

29. (Original) A package with improved permeation for atmospheric diffusion of aromatic products the packaging comprising a first heat sealable panel and a second heat sealable panel, said second panel having at least one impermeable layer;

wherein said first heat sealable panel comprises:

- (a) a permeable membrane having,
 - (i) a first permeable layer comprising a blend of very low density polyethylene and low density polyethylene,
 - (ii) a second permeable layer comprising low density polyethylene, wherein said layer is adhered to said first layer,
 - (iii) a third permeable layer comprising a blend of very low density polyethylene and low density polyethylene, wherein said third layer is adhered to said second layer, and
 - (iv) a fourth permeable layer comprising a material selected from the group consisting of low density polyethylene and a blend of low density polyethylene and a modified polyolefin, wherein said fourth layer is adhered to said third layer;
- (b) a release layer comprising ethylene vinyl copolymer; wherein said release layer is adhered to said fourth layer;
- (c) an impermeable portion having at least one impermeable layer, wherein said impermeable portion is adhered to said release layer;

wherein the bond strength between said release layer and said fourth layer is less than the bond strength between said first and second layers, said second and third layers, said third

and fourth layers and said release layer and impermeable portion, such that said release layer delaminates from said fourth layer when a force is applied, and wherein said first permeable layer of said first panel is heat sealed to said second panel, whereby an aromatic product may be disposed between said first and second panel.